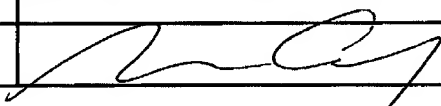


**REMARKS**

Claims 1-8, 10, 12-18 and 21-26 are pending. The Office has indicated that claims 1-9, 13-18 and 25-26 are allowable, however claims 10, 12 and 21-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b).

In the present amendment, Applicants have canceled claims 10, 12 and 21-24, all the rejected claims. Claim 9 was canceled in a previous amendment. Applicants submit that the rejection of these claims now is moot and request its withdrawal.

Applicants submit respectfully that the application is in condition for allowance and request that the application proceed to issuance. If any issues remain outstanding, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

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